10. Manganese Ore (India) Limited.

11. Vijayanagar Steel Limited.

12. Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Vijayanagar Steel Plant

953. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the progress made in regard to the Vijayanagar Steel Plant, the foundation of which was laid by late Shrimati Indira Gandhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): Due to resource constraints, the Vijayanagar Steel Project could not be implemented in the public sector. After delicensing of the steel industry in July, 1991, Government of Karnataka was seeking to establish the steel project in collaboration with M/s Essar Gujarat Limited, for which purpose a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had earlier been signed between the Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation Limited and M/s. Essar Gujarat Limited. However, M/s. Essar Gujarat Ltd. have subsequently withdrawn from the MOU.

Production of Steel

954. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing capacity of steel production of SAIL;

(b) what is the normal percentage of utilisation of capacity by the SAIL units;

(c) what is the production of steel in each of these (Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourkela, Bokaro, Vizag and Salem) steel plants in the years, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(d) what is the percentage of utilisation of capacity in each plant in each year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The existing achievable capacity of Saleable Steel for SAIL integrated steel plants (including IISCO) is 8.823 million tonnes.

(b) to (d) A Statement, indicating plant-wise and year-wise production and capacity utilisation of saleable steel in SAIL plants including IISCO and Salem Steel Plant, Alloy Steel Plant and Visveswaraya Iron and Steel Limited is attached.

Statement

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UNIT : '000 Tonnes

Plants	Year	Saleable Steel	
		Actual	% Capacity Utilisation
SAIL	1987-88	6674	86
	1988-89	7261	87
	1989-90	7063	81
	1990-91	7364	84
	1991-92	8028	91